

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Messerly et al.	Confirm No.	4619
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For:	ULTRASONIC SURGICAL INSTRUMENT INCORPORATING FLUID MANAGEMENT		

Commissioner for Patents
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STATUS INQUIRY

Dear Sir:

Applicants request the USPTO to provide the status of the above-identified application. Applicants have not received any substantive correspondence from the Office for the above-referenced case since the application was filed. Please advise us on the status of this application and when we can expect a response.

Respectfully submitted,

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